
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 1001

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MASTER PLAN BY THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP TASK FORCE AND THE RECEIPT OF THE MASTER PLAN BY THE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL FOR ENDING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP.

SUMMARY:

This bill extends by 8.5 months (from January 15, 2013 to October 1, 2013) the deadline for the Academic Achievement Gap Task Force to submit its completed master plan. Current law requires the task force to submit the master plan to the Education Committee and the Interagency Council for Ending the Academic Achievement Gap. Under the bill, the task force must still submit the master plan to the Education Committee, but it must also submit it to the State Board of Education (SBE) and the individual members of the council, rather than to the council as a body.

The bill also requires:

1. SBE to adopt a resolution acknowledging receipt of the master plan within 30 days after its submission by the task force and
2. members of the council, other than the education commissioner, to submit a signed letter to the task force acknowledging receipt of the master plan within the same timeframe.

The council members required to submit a letter are the lieutenant governor; Office of Policy and Management secretary; Board of Regents for Higher Education president; and commissioners of Children and Families, Social Services, Public Health, Economic and Community Development, and Administrative Services.

The bill also extends by one year (from July 1, 2013 to July 1, 2014) the deadline for the task force's first annual progress report on master

plan implementation to the Education Committee.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND

Academic Achievement Gap Task Force

This task force must create a master plan that identifies and aims to remedy, by January 1, 2020, achievement gaps existing between racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups; genders; and English Language Learners and primary English speakers.

Interagency Council for Ending the Academic Achievement Gap

This council is charged with assisting the achievement gap task force in developing its master plan, implementing the provisions of the master plan, and submitting annual progress reports on plan implementation to the Education Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 33 Nay 0 (03/13/2013)